significant change in the incidence of T.B., mortality and severity of morbidity have declined.

Central Assistance to states affected with Malaria

2260. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that malaria has gripped certain parts of the country including Rajasthan claiming many lives ;

(b) if so, which states in the country, according to the study if any, conducted by Government or on the basis of the reports received from the States, are the areas infested with malaria ;

(c) what is the nature and extent of central assistance given to the State Governments to control it as against the assistance asked by the State Governments ; and

(d) what country-wide strategy has been formulated by Government to eradicate it ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The outbreak of Malaria in Rajasthan, Manipur and Nagaland resulted in increase in cases and deaths in certain districts of these States. In addition, the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka and Tripura have reported higher incidence of Malaria during this year as compared to the previous year.

(c) The Malaria programme is implemented on a 50 : 50 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. The Central Government supplies specific insecticides and drugs as per approved pattern. Some States request for extra supplies of insecticides and drugs which are provided keeping in view the emergent needs.

(d) The steps taken include :—

— active surveillance and monitoring.

— early case detection and prompt treatment.

— residual insecticidal spray.

— recurrent anti-larval measures.

— community participation and health education.

— bio-environmental measures.

— making drugs available at village level.

Cases of T.B. amongst AIDS patients

2261. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tuberculosis cases in the country have been steadily rising and that of the AIDS cases reported, majority of the affected persons are suffering from tuberculosis ;

(b) if so, what according to the study, if any, is the percentage of rise in the tuberculosis cases in the country and the percentage of T.B. cases detected out of the reported AIDS cases in a year ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the AIDS Control Programme is yet to become operational in certain States in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There are no significant changes in the incidence level of T.B. Of all the AIDS cases reported so far, 52.8% have been found to be suffering from T.B.

(c) and (d) National AIDS Control Programme has been under implementation throughout the country since September, 1992. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness about HIV/AIDS in high risk behaviour and general public, control of STDs, Blood safety and rational use of blood & blood products, diagnosis and clinical management of HIV/AIDS cases.

Sterilization Cases in Maharashtra

2262. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of family planning centres separately for rural and urban areas in Maharashtra ;

(b) what is the number of persons sterilized every year separately in rural and urban areas of Maharashtra, and

(c) what is the target fixed for sterilization for the year 1994 separately for rural and urban areas and how many have been sterilized against this target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The number of Family Welfare Centres are :—

District Level Post Partum Centres	52
Subdistrict Level Post Partum Centres	69
Rural Family Welfare Centres	428
Urban Family Welfare Centres	74

(b) Rural/Urban break up of sterilisation done in the State for the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as follows :

Year	Rural	Urban	Break up net available	Total
1992-93	296491	115084	149761	561336
1993-94	337934	181783	20085	539802

(c) Expected level of achievement for the year 1994-95 is 560000. It is not fixed separately for rural-urban areas. The number of sterilisation done during April, 1994 to October, 1994 is 250600@

@ : Figure is provisional and rural/urban Break up is not available.

All party meet to formulate policy on population control

2263. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a prominent political party impressed upon the Prime Minister recently to call an all-party meeting to formulate a policy on population control ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government and steps proposed to be taken by him in this regard keeping in view the imperative need to control the increasing population of the world ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to call an all-party meeting to formulate a policy on population control.

Medical care in Tribal areas of Maharashtra

2264. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special efforts have been chalked out by the unit created in his Ministry for enhancing the medical care in the tribal population area of Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the success achieved by those special efforts as compared to ordinary medical care ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Successful implementation of various health schemes for Tribal people throughout the country including the State of Maharashtra to control/eradicate major Communicable/non-communicable diseases, various National Health Programmes like National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP), National Programme for control of Blindness, National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National AIDS Control Programme, Child Survival & Safe Motherhood Programme including immunisation etc. have been launched and are being implemented. Special attention has also been given to research on diseases more prevalent in Tribal Areas.

(c) According to Govt. of Maharashtra, a network of 1848 Sub-centres, 285 Primary Health Centres, 53 Community Health Centres, 91 Primary Health Units (Mini PHCs). 53 Mobile Health Units is created in the State for rendering Health services to the Tribal Community.

Ban on Tobacco Advertisements

2265. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working on a draft legislation to ban tobacco advertisements on Radio, T.V. and other media ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) by when this ban will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Legislation is under formulation.